

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

### **Title of the Invention**

Please replace the current title with the following amended title:

### **METHOD FOR PREPARING A LITHIUM AND VANADIUM OXIDE OF THE $\text{Li}_{(1+\alpha)}\text{V}_3\text{O}_8$ TYPE**

### **Abstract of the Invention**

Please replace the current Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

The invention relates to a method for preparing a lithium and vanadium oxide and the thus obtained products. The method comprises preparing a precursor gel by reacting hydrogen peroxide with  $\alpha\text{-V}_2\text{O}_5$   ~~$\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$~~  in an aqueous medium in the presence of a lithium precursor ~~precursor~~ and exposing the gel to a heat treatment in an oxidant atmosphere at a temperature ranging from 260°C to 580°C. A compound of a formula  $\text{Li}_{1+\alpha}\text{V}_3\text{O}_8$ , ( $0.1 < \alpha < 0.25$ ) comprises needle-shaped grains having a bimodal distribution, wherein the length (L) of the first distribution needles ranges from 10 to 50  $\mu\text{m}$  and the length (L) of the second distribution needles ranges from 1 ~~10~~ to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .